WASHINGTON, D. C., MONDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 15, 1884.

LEAVING NO TRACE

THE LONDON BRIDGE EXPLOSION COM PLETELY BAFFLES THE POLICE.

est Heard for Many Miles, but No One is Injured, and Little Damage Done to Property-Attributed to Irishmen, of

bridge depot, but this was soon found to be in-correct. It occurred at about 5:40 o'clock, and the report was heard ten miles outside of Lou-don. At Woolwich the arsenal gates were shakes. Fersons who were on the bridge at the time say that they heard a loud report and

shaken. Persons who were on the drogs and observed two flashes of light. Many panes of glass were broken in the clustom house.

The police think that a beat containing explosives was allowed to drift, beneath the bridge with a burning fuse attached to them. An eye-witness says that flames shot up simultaneously from each side of the bridge, showing that the fuse had been nicely timed to cause an explosion when half way beneath the bridge. Another theory is that the dynamite used in the explosion was dropped over the bridge and alighted on a buttress. The damage dome consists chiefly of broken windows in the houses in the vicinity of the bridge. A bootblack relates his experience of the explosion as follows: 'Il was cleaning a gentleman's boots when suddenly I feit the earth shake about me. Immediately afterward there was a terrific explosion and I was stunned. When I recovered consciousness the gentleman had disappeared.''

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A careful inspection of London bridge was made to-day, and it was found that no structural injury whatever was dome. Nothing could be found about the bridge to indicate that an explosion had taken place. The police have discovered nothing that is likely to assist them in their inquiries as so the origin of the explosion. The heads of the detective departments were conferring with the home office during the entire day. The absence of any clew is paralyzing the action of the police, who are even unable to tell the nature of the explosion occurred nearer the Surrey end of the bridge than was at first supposed, and yet most of the houses that were damaged were on the Middleser side, where windows were smaahed as far as filling-gaste market. Several panes of glass were broken in Fish Mongor's hall, but otherwise the building received no damage. Several squares of a lofty glass screen in the Cannon street depot fell to the platform with a crush, greatly terrifying the passengers in the building.

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platform with a crush, greatly terrifying the passengers in the building, although nobody was injured. River traffic had luckily been suspended at the time of the explosion owing to darkness.

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A policeman, who at the time of the explosion was standing on the top of the steps leading to the standbast pier on the Surry side of the river with his back to the stream, says he saw a bilinding girar. If he are the subject of the river with his back to the stream, says he saw a bilinding girar. If he are the same the same to the police station and gave the alarm, and soon afterward the river police were making as minute an examination as possible of the buttersess of the bridge and the wharves on each bank of the river. Their search, however, was fruittess: Daylight showed that not a single stone had been displaced by the sheek. Taking this fact into consideration, caperts are unanimously of we opinion that he origin and examination of the police that a few minutes before the explosion he saw a beat containing three men under the sartor on striking the water. Toward nouthout the sartor on striking the water. Toward nouthout a few minutes before the explosion he saw a beat containing three men under the sartor on the Surry side. He took no particular notice of them, thinking they were river police, and the surpassion of the opinion that the explosion at London bridge last night seems to belong to the extraordinary air currents beneath the span. No arrests have been made.

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London, Dec. 14.—The Earl of Morley (liberal), member of the house of lords and under secretary for war, addressed an audience at Plymouth to-day. He deeply deplored the hostile spirit engendered in Ireland by differences of race and religion, togother with years of oppression and had government, unappeased by the legislation of the past twelve years. "Never," he said, "had Ireland a government more anxious to render justice, nay, more than justice to Ireland, than the present one. The redistribution bill is a treaty of ungrudging generodity, and yet hostility remains manifested from time to time in where of ungrudging generodity, and yet hostility remains manifested from time to time in where of ungrudging generodity, and yet hostility remains manifested from time to time in where of ungrudging generodity, and yet hostility remains manifested from time to time in where of ungrudging generodity, and yet hostility remains manifested from time to time in where of ungrudging generodity, and yet hostility remains manifested from time to time in where of the position of the position of the position of the population of the people to elect a responsible chief. "We are, therefore," be said, "from him a mathematical elegislation. It would undoubted the proposition of the population of the population of the population of the people to elect a worthy chief." He concluded by proposing a toast to Prince Napoleon.

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relative to the production of cereals. It states that the yield of cereals in France has steadily increased during the last thirty years. At present the average yield in America. The importation of grain from foreign countries has a fendency to diminish prices, and thus the price so the French production, but by the maximum price obtainable in France for cereals from India and America. These could be sold for 5 or 5 frances per centeer under the usual price. Consequently they are able to bear a dinty of 5 frances without any resulting rise in prices.

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LONDON, Duc. 16.—The These's Hong Kong dispatch says: "It is reported from Nagasaki that the Coreans have reliefled, that the king has fied to the hills, and that his general was killed. The outbroak occurred during an entertainment given by the test and the same test an

Wisconsin Town.

WHITEWATER, WIS., Dec. 14 .- An investiga made by the coroner yesterday. Soon after the death of Miss Horan her sister Nollie was taken seriously ill, and a report was circulated to the effect that Nellie had confessed to having poisoned her sister and other members of the family and then attempted to destroy herself. At the inquest this afternoon a chemist testified that he had found by analysis that the stomach of the dead girl contained 40-109 grain of strychnine, which was enough to produce death. The jury proceeded to the home of Nellie Horan and took her evidence. She admitted that on the Tuesday previous to her sister's death sho purchased strychnine at a drug store, but said it was for the purpose of killing mice. The druggist advised her to use rat poison instead, but she insisted on the strychnine, which she placed in a drawer, where it remained until Thursday of the present week, when she delivered the package to the sheriff as she had received it from the druggist. The sheriff testified that the poison delivered to him weighed sixteen grains. The druggist who sold it said he did not weigh it, but estimated it at Iwenty grains. The jury returned a verdict that Anna Horan came to her doath by being poisoned by strychnine, and that they considered the evidence sufficiently strong to warrant holding Nellie Horan family that has died under supplicious circumstances.

The Loss of Life by the Storm on the Rappe

hannock Overstated at First. received a dispatch from its special corre-spondent, who left this city on Friday night on the steamer Mason L. Weems to investigate

Several persons who were passing over the bridge at the time of the explosion say that a column of water was thrown to a great height by the shock and a number of persons were drenched.

WHAT IRELAND MAX EXPECT.

The Coercion Act Must Be Renewed Unless Better Sairt is Shown.

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The Question of Protection in France.
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Refused Refuge in South America. GIBBALTAR, Dec. 14.—The steamer Mattee Bruzzo, an Italian vessel engaged in transport-ing emigrants to South America, has put in

TELEGRAPHIC TIPS.

The stores of Bernard Rahn & Co. and D. E. Ball, at Norfolk, Va., were burned Saturday morning.

The recent report that a man named Brown was lynched in Howard county, Md., proves to be groundless.

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- The funeral of the late Reublin R. Springer in Cinciansati baturday was largely attended and very impressive.

- George Stanford's 4-year-old filly, Sallie Benton, has trotted a mile in 2:1734 in California. This beats the 4-year-old record.

- Mrs. William M. Singerly, wife of the proprietor of the Pailadelphia Enord, died at 1:20 a n. Sunday at her husband's residence in Philadelphia.

The Louisville, New Orleans, and Texas railroad will be open for passenger business to-day. Two daily passenger trains will be run between Memphis and New Orleans. Fasha upon the khedival throne.

To Complete the Pedestal.

New York, Dec. 14.—A meeting of the Barthold! Statue committee was held at the resident of the pending Spanish treaty.

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CAPITOL GOSSIP.

OPINIONS AND EXPRESSIONS GATHERED IN BRIEF TALKS WITH STATESMEN.

School System !-- Probable Contestants to Scats in the Next House,

sleep on account of the harking of dogs," said Col. Thomas Ochiltree yesterday, as he re-olined in an easy chair at Chamberlin's. "O hardly know how to sympathize with the disdinguished gentlemsn from New York," con-tinued the incarnadined Texan, "for all the dogs in Christendom, and Constantinople as as well, could not keep me awake if I wanted to sleep. Why, sir, at the sleep of Petersburg to sleep. Why, sir, at the siege of Petersburg I slept soundly for eight hours right under the carriage of a forty-pound cannon that was being fired every five minutes. Yes, sir, and the gunner said I smored so loudly that he could scarcety bear the orders that were given him between the shots. Why, sir, on one occasion while I was traveling through Gaudaloupe county, Texas, I stopped in a piece of thick woods at dark, staked my horse, built a fire, and lay down. That's a bad wolf country, and by 10 o'clock there were two thousand of the savage devils howling around me within fifty feet of my camp fire. I spread my blanket on the grass, fixed my saddle for a pillow, and lay down with a my saddle for a pillow, and lay down with a

inc. I spread my blanket on the grass, fixed my saddle for a pillow, and lay down with a navy revolver in each hand. In two minutes I was asleep, dreaming that I was in Paris. When I awoke the next moring the sun was high in the heavens. A neighboring vanelero told ms the wolves had howled till daylight. Sixty of them were found dead in the bushes. They had died from prolonged howling, while I had slumbered genity, like a babe, on the breast of my mother earth. Think of that, and then of a congressman whose nightmares are interrupted by the middight whinning of a green groe-r's dog! Why. Tom Benton used to alseep so long that hotel keepers had to break in his door to see if he was not dead. Ben Buller cannot ride in a street car without doging. In a flying ride down the Shanandoah valley Stonewall Jackson, strapped to his saddle, slept for six hours with his horse at a sweeping gallop, a courier holding the guide rein. Napoleon snatched slumber for the moment as his cavalry thundered by within a few foot of him at Austerlitz. Yet here is a lusty statesman who cannot even enloy a catnap because a sad and lenely cur around the next corner crawls out of his kennel to bay the moon!" "Gentlemen," concluded the rubleund Texan, "I have driven an ox wagon from Sabine Pass to El Paso; I have ridden a steer from Cadde lake to Bagdad, and I have rode and led a mule from the San Jacinto to the Global. I have sleep in the oternal pine forests of castern Texas, with the deadly tarantules crawling all over me and the ratiteenakes hissing in my ear, but if I have ever lost fifteen minutes' sleep since I down all the lotted with the horned frog of Texas, I do not know if. Why, gentlemen, wist to Farsi my friend, the Count De Lafay etc. with some associates, got up a device to break my slumber. They rigged up an automatic sheet-iron cat and placed it on my window all at the Hotel de Vendome, where it yowled and scrached at the window pane for hours. Well, sir, what do you suppose? I hope that Santa Anna may rise up and make a co

MR. RANDALL'S COMING TRIP SOUTH. MR. RANDALI'S COMING TRIP SOUTH.

Mr. Randall said yesterday, in response to an inquiry, that it was true he intended to take advantage of the holidays to make a visit to the manufacturing centers of the south. His two principal objective points will be Rirmingham, Ala., and Nashville, Tenn. Mr. Randall will be accompanied in his travels by Gen. Forney, of Alabama.

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HE WANTS THE NAYY DEPARTMENT.

Among the aspiring southerner who have recently valied Washington is ex Representative Whitthorne, of Tennessee, who thinks he would make a good secretary of the navy. Mr. Whitthorne said yesterday that he was not asking for anything, but did not deny that he would appreciate the honor of being in Mr. Cleveland's cabinet. He is the only Tennesseean who has yet been mentioned for the cabinet. Am member of the Tennessee delegation and last night that the state would be proud to see Mr. Whitthorne honored in this way, but he had little faith that it would be done. "Whitthorne would make a splendid secretary of the navy," said he, "but there are so many southerners after cabinet positions, such as Garland, of Arkanas; Money, of Mississipp; Barbour, of Virginia, and Gordon, of Georgia, that Tennessee is apt to have only a poor show."

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PROBABLE CONTESTANTS.

There are several gentlemen who were congressional candidates at the late election who are still undecided as to whether they will contest for seats in the forty-niner they will contest for seats in the forty-nine they contest for seats in the forty-nine of Chicago, who believes he was counted out by out-ray-ous fraids, but is uncertain as to what he shall do, as the cost of preparing his case will be \$20,000 and the result doubthil. Dr. Mc-Lean, of St. Louis, will contest the seat of John M. Glover, and says he has satisfactory proof that Glover was counted in by fraud. M. Frank, Hurd is in a state of uncertainty. His friends are urging to contest, but he has not made up his mind. Mr. Follett is also still debating in his mind whether he will dispute the right of Hon. Sen interventin to sit in the next congress. His action will depend on the report of the subcommittee of the Springer committee that will go to Cincinnati to take testimony.

Tragedy in an Insane Hospital.

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KANSAS CITY, Mo., Doc. 14.—A dispatch to the Journal from Jefferson City, Mo., says the facts were learned there last evening of a bloody tragedy that occurred there the previous night, shortly after midnight, at the insane hospital in the state pentientiary. At the time named, John Mason, a courlet who had been considered harmlessly insane, stose and, securing a heavy from poker, went into sin addoining room, where four fellow mines were sleeping. Approaching them included one Charles Signor, three farrible blow considered the head, broaking his skull. Heithen struck Louis Heelscher Sty times, making a fracture of the skull five inchesiong and passing quickly to the skull five inchesiong and passing quickly to the skull five inchesiong and passing quickly to the skull five inchesions, swall be suffered in the head. At this juncture an epileptic eggro named Jackson being aroused stole up quickly on Mason from behind and grappled with him. The attention of the guards was by this time attracted, and tushing in the murdgrous convert. Allson's injuries are not fatal. All the victims are convicts confined in the department for harmless insane.

Muldoen Defeats McLaughlin.

Marder in the Second Degree.

Hagneyrows, Mn. Dec 14.—Chas Knoche, on trial here for the murder of Henry Sanders in Cumberiand in September last, and which was removed to the circuit court of Washington county, was convicted of murder in the second degree at a late hour last night. He seems despended for sentences.

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WHAT MAY BE DONE.

Tasks Congress Has Marked Out for Doing the Present Week.

In the house of representatives to-day, after the usual Monday call of states and territorie for the introduction of bills, it will be in order for committees to move to suspend the rules for the immediate passage of selected bills or the adoption of resolutions (one measure from each committee) or for the naming of special days on which specified measures, reported from committees, may be considered. The committee on banking and currency is first on the list, and will ask the bouse to set apart a special day for the discussion of the McPherson bill and the Dingley bill, which provides for the investment of the bank note redemption fund in government bonds.

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Committee on agriculture—To pass a bill making the committee on appropriations to the doctor.

The house committee on appropriations to the doctor of the consular and diplomatic appropriation bills during the prosent week. The fortunation of the consular and diplomatic appropriation bills during the prosent week. The fortunation of the consular and diplomatic appropriation bills through the power will probably be reported so that it may be called up for action Tuesday morning. Mr. Readail has expressed his determination to get all of the appropriation bills through the house as soon as possible, so that they may be discussed by the senate at an early day.

The interstate commerce bill will be called up for continued discussion when no appropriation bills are before the house. Mr. Reagen hope to secure action unon it by the close of Thursday't session. When his bill shall have been disposed of the friends of the dustriant of the probably and the decident of the fire doctors and the unfinished business, and its constitution of a minimalian to reported from the committee of the reported from the commi

THE SIGNAL SERVICE.

Gen. Hazen Opposes Its Transfer and Says the Time Has Come for Better Organiza-

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A letter written by Gen. Hazen to Gen. C. B.
Comstock, secretary of a committee of the National Academy of Sciences, embodying an argument against the transfer of the weather service from the military to the civil branch of the government, has been forwarded to the joint commission of congress which is considering the organization of civil scientific bureaus of the government. Gen. Hazen says: "No other than a military organization can secure that prompt and unbroken series of observations and reports which also not give the highest value to forecasts of weather. Such is the testimony of all foreign meteorological authorities whose opinion I have learned.

The branch of duties known as military signaling, which has now become indispensable in all armies, must of course have a military organization. Now the one organization performs both duttes, while, were have a military organization, or its equivalent, would be personnel by a civil one, the present organization, or its equivalent, would be needed for this work alone, while the military arrying ascrice would be wholly additional. As now constituted, it has head and feet, the former with the rank of brigadier general and the latter of second lieutenant, the unfinished part being the intermediate grades. The needs of the signal service make it imperative that the intermediate grades of field officers, captains, and first licutenants be now made. Gen. Hazen also says: "I have no doubt but that, had I had an organized corps, with officers of my own, whose points I fully know, the disaster that overtook the Greely relief expedition of 1888 would not have occurred."

A CHURCH DEDICATION.

A final disagreement on the Atlantic and Pacific railroad grant forfeiture bill was reached by the conferes Saturday. Those from the house persist in their opposition to the senate plan of making the courts the last resort.

THE PUBLIC SCHOOL EXHIBIT. What is Being Seat to New Orleans to Illus

In the educational, as in several other de-ariments of the New Orleans exhibition, the sational capital will be prominently repre-

partments of the New Orleans exhibition, the national capital will be prominently represented, the exhibit of the Washington public schools being a remarkably fine one. One load of materials, representing the work of the eight elementary grades, has already been long the property of the eight elementary grades, has already been forwarded. This embraces spectmens of penmanship, drawing, modeling, school compositions and illustrations of the various kinds of class work, closes, as far as practicable, to give a clear idea of the methods pursued in teaching, rather than to present examples of exceptionally favorable results.

A money the exhibits which remain to be forwarded are those of the normal and high schools. The former is about ready for packing and will do much credit to the school and to the skill and judgment of Mass Smith, the lady principal. That of the high school is expected to be ready within a few days. The normal school exhibit is largely devoted to illustrating the training given is pupils in the various methods of object teaching, and the preparation they roceive for the work of graphic and pictorial illustration, which now forms an essential part of elementary teaching. There are complete sets of objects for teaching color, form, and number, and for practice in oral expression, with illustrations of the work done in giving the lessons on plants, animais, and minerals, which now form an early part of the course of elementary studies. Specimens of plants, leaves, insects in differentiages of development, properly mounted on eards, examples of drawing and design, and design, and pupils note-books also form a part of the collection. The articles saget have not been propared for the occasion, but have been selected from the regular work of the schools. Another part of the public school exhibit which remains to be forwarded consists of photographs giving exterior and interior views of representative school buildings, while of the Analostan building there is to be a model on adoptation to school purpo

rank Nicholson is the First Prisoner to Break from the District Jall.

Frank Nicholson, a young white man, who was sentenced about six months ago to one year's imprisonment in the jail for two offenses of assault and battery, yesterday morning of assault and battery, yesterday morning made his escape, and went to his home on Tenth street, between I and K streets southeast. The news of his escape was immediately telephoned to the eighth precinct station, and Officer Wright was at once sent to the house. He found that Nicholson had been there, and probably secured some clothing, as he was in his shirt sleeves when he made his escape, and had left by jumping the back fence. Nicholson is the first prisoner that has ever escaped from the jail. He got away through the back basement door which had been left open by the fireman, who was taking out askes. It is not thought that he will remain in the city. The jail officers and the officers of the eighth precinct are on the lookout for him.

Dr. Smith Townshend, the health officer of the district, gave an oyster rosat Saturday at Stuart's oyster house, on Riley's wharf, to the members of the Health Board-association who were still in the city. A number of senators and representatives were invited to meet the wisting doctors, and all showed themselves possessed of good mouths for oysters. Hon Landolph Tucker secured a piace and a fork at the long table, remarking that he "hadn't had a mouthful all the afternoon." Senator-elect Blackburn at once rejoined that "it must be because he couldn't find an oyster big enough for this is the third time Try scan you filling up inside of half an hour. The eminent Virginia representative plainingly said that he was accussed of half an hour. The eminent Virginia representative plainingly said that he was accussed to have, and plied his fork so rapidly that it kept two men burg opening officers for him. About a mindred persons were present and succeeded in consuming first high burden in liquid form. Among those present were Hon. Erastus Brooks, Representatives Blackburn, Tucker, Townshend (Dr. Townshend's brother), Potter, Selfer, and Cehiltree. Senator Saulsbury, Commissioner Loring, John G. Thompson, Col. Tichsnor, William Diekson, C. S. Moore, J. Cooper McGlinn, Dr. Henley, and Medical Director Githon, U. S. N.

At the Carroll Institute fair, being held at Masonic temple, Saturday night the voting on the several articles was as follows: Gold watch

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A CHURCH DEDICATION.

The Free Methodist Church Formally Opened for Service.

The dedication of the Free Methodist church, on Eleventh street southeast, which has just been completed, took place yesterday. This is the only place of worship of the kind in the city. The building is a substantial frame structure, 32 by 36 feet. The interior is of hard will seat about three hundred people. The cretion of the church is due to the personal solicitations of Mr. W. Proctor and the peastor, Mr. Goolid.

The first service in the new church took place at 11 s, m. yesterday, and was a "love least," conducted by the members. At 3 of clock Rev. William Gould preached the dedicatory sormon, taking his text from Mathew, ii. 5, "The poor have the gospel preached unto thom." An original poem by Mr. S. A. Wiggen was read by Mr. Proctor. The amount of insichedness was then contributed, and the dedicatory sormon, taking his text from Mathew, ii. 5, "The poor have the gospel preached the dedicatory sormon, taking his text from Mathew, ii. 5, "The poor have the gospel preached the dedicatory sormon, taking his text from Mathew, ii. 5, "The poor have the gospel preached the dedicatory sormon, taking his text from Mathew, ii. 5, "The poor have the gospel preached the dedicatory sormon, taking his text from Mathew, ii. 5, "The poor have the gospel preached the dedicatory sormon, taking his text from Mathew, ii. 5, "The poor have the dedicatory sormon, taking his text from Mathew, ii. 5, "The poor have the dedicatory sormon, taking his text from Mathew, ii. 5, "The poor have the dedicatory sormon, taking his text from Mathew, ii. 5, "The poor have the dedicatory sormon, taking his text from Mathew, ii. 5, "The poor have the dedicatory sormon, taking his text from Mathew, ii. 5, "The poor have

P. Clarke, No. 119 Sixth street northeast, Saturday night. It was decided to give a Christmas dinner at 1 o'clock on Tuesday the 30th instant, and a committee consisting of Mr. A. P. Clarke, Mr. and Mrs. Stoutenburg, Mrs. A. P. Rogers, and Miss Van Doran was appointed to secure a building for the cutertainment. The committee on entertainment consists of C. F. Keefer, Miss Amanda Grant, Mrs. Stoutenburg, Mrs. J. B. Davis, and Rev. J. B. Bradford. A meeting will be held at the same place next Friday. The next meeting of the Children's Christmas club will be held at the Franklin building next Saturday, when all the members are requested to be present.

Gen. Birney Appointed School Trustee.
Gen. W. W. Birney was appointed school

INGERSOLL'S IRONY. THE GREAT ICONOCLAST'S LECTURE UPON

"ORTHODOXY" AT THE NATIONAL. He Presents His Peculiar Views Upon Ortho dox Bellefs in His Count Brilliant and At-

and at Times Enthusiastic in Its Applause The audience, which was largely masculin

was a little slow in waking up at first, the applause and laughter coming from spots. Many had evidently gone there from curiosity, and the treatment that sacred subjects received shocked them. Before the two nours' talk had been more than one-fourth made, however, the man's matchless magnetism and the contagion of contiguity was too much for a large majority, and the laughter and applause developed into a reverberating echo that caused the speaker evident satisfaction. Some sat low in easts as if half ashamed of their presence at first, but as they caught the current feeling they were as demonstrative as any. The gentlemen from the capitol were eastly distinguishable during the burst of laughter that followed the speaker's allusion to a chaplain's prayer to "Give congress wisdom," which he cited as one of the lineances of impossible things being asked of orthodox religion, which he stigmatized as one "against which the heart of every civilized man and woman protests," he described what he wanted it replaced/with as humanity, good fellowship, intellectual liberty, free life, the discoveries and inventions of genius, the demonstrations of science—"the religion of art, music, and poetry—of good houses, good clothes, good wages—that is to say, the religion of this world."

"We must remember," he continued. "that this is a world of progress, a world of perpetual change—a succession of coffins and cradies. There is perpetual birth. By the grave of the did forever stand youth and joy, and when an old religion did had the many and the same the fact of men and nations. The astronomer has taken his place, and we need not fear the destruction of the false. The more alse we destroy the not appear of the start the fate of men and nations. The astronomer has taken his place. There was a time when the poor alchemist, bent and winkled, and old, over his crueitle endeavored to find some secret by which he could change the baser musia into puths from the changes must go, and in his place must go, and the place into the prest, a

WE ARE DONE WITH THE SUPERNATURAL.

We are through with the miraculous and the impossible. There was once the prophet who pretended to read the book of the future. His place has been taken by the philosopher, who presented to read the book of the future. His place has been taken by the philosopher, who reasons from cause to effect—who finds the facts by which we are surrounded and endeavors to reason from these premises and to tell what in all probability will happen. The prophet has gone, the philosopher is here. There was a time when man sought ald from heaven—when he prayed to the deaf sky. There was a time when an everything depended on the supernaturalist. That time in Christendom is passing away. We now depend upon the naturalist, not upon the believer in ancient falsehoods, but on the discoverer of facts, on the demonstrator of truths. At last we are beginning to build on a solid foundation, and as we progress the supernatural dies. The leaders of the intellectual world deny the existence of the supernatural. They take from all super stition its foundation.

Everything except truth was Hable to die; that was the order of nature.

Thanksgiving day came in for a heavy share of abuse, a point being made on the observance of the festival every year, whether good or ill has befallen the nation or state in the meantime.

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Often, after having delivered a lecture, the speaker had met some good, religious person who has said of him. "You do not tell it as we believe it." "Well, but I tell it as you have it written in your creed." "Oh, we don't mind the creed any more." "Then, why do you not change it." "Oh, well, we understand it as it is, and if we trile of change it, may be we would not agree." Possibly, he ladded, the creeds are in the best condition now. There is a tacit understanding that they do not believe them, that there is a way to get around them, and that they can mead between the lines: that if they should meet now to form now creeds they would fail to agree, and that now they can say as they please, except in public. Whenever they do so in public the church, in self defense, must try them; and he believed in trying every minister that does not preach the doctrine he agrees to.

Col. Ingersoll then took up.

THE NEW COSOMEOATIONAL CHEED,
which he said had been put into his hands, and diseased it, following it with quotations from the Episcopalian creed. Both were treated with the customary levity and at great length, little that was new being said about either. He ridicaled each tenet of faith, dwelling especially upon the fail of man through Adam's sin. The latter's representative capacity he denounced. "Here," he said, "is a a representative before the constituent had been born. Before I am bound by a representative, it is a sunday to the city of the world he had made; knew nothing of human allowed, and if I had been there, and shown all the circumstances, I should have voted "Nof. And yet, I am held responsible."

The implication of the Holy Spirit. Concluding his irrade against the Old Testament he said he must admit that it was better than the crumstances, and the church asys that the lible that uphoids that institution was written by men until the crumstances, and the church and the contended did not know the shape of the world he had made; knew nothing of human lanure. He commands men to love Him, as

that crouched and crawied in the jungles of Africa.

His next objection to the picture of orthodox religion that he incideraws was that it destroyed human love. "No matter," he said, "about your wife, your children, your bottner, your sister—no matter about all the affections of the human heart—when you get there, you will be with the angels. I do not know whether I would like the langels. I do not know whether the angels would like me. I would rather stand by the ones who have loved me and whom I know, and I can conceive of no Hoaven without the loved of this earth. That is the trouble with this Christian religion.

Leave your father, leave your mother, leave your wife, leave your children, leave everything and follow Jesus Christ. I will not. I will stay with my leople. I will not sacrified on the altar of a sciffsh fear all the grandes and noblest promptings of my heart."

"If," he exclaimed, "those we love here are to be separated from us there.

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If, when the graye bursis, I am not to meet the fines that have been my sunshing in this will and the bauquet to Senater Gorman by the Columbia ciah next Thursday evening.

THE RELIGION OF THE FAMILY.

I believe that the rooftree is sarred, from the smallest fiber held in the soft, most cleap of the earth to the smallest, blossom on the topmost bough that gives its fragrance to the happy air. The family where virtue dwells with love is like a lift with wheart of fire—the fairest flower in all this world. And, I tell you, God cannot afford to damn a man in the next world who has made a happy family in this. God cannot afford to cast over the battlements of heaven the man who has a sappy home upon this earls. God cannot afford to be unpliying to a human heart capable of pity. God cannot clothe with fire the man who has clothed the naked here; and God cannot send to eternal pain a man who has done something toward improving the condition of his fellowman." tractive Manner-The Audience is Large,

The question of who shall manage the in-auguration of Prosident Cleveland, which has been vexing the souls of district democrats for been vexing the souls of district democrats for a month past, has been settled at last. On Saturday the following letter was received by ex-Mayor Berret of this city:

HEARQUARTERS NARIONAL DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE—NEW YORK, Dec. 10, 1884.—Col. James G. BERRIET, WASHINGTON, D. C.—My Bear Sir. The national demociatic committee has selected a number of glattemen residing in the District of Columbia as a general committee to make all arrangements for the inauguration ceremoties on the 4th of March next. We have selected you to act as chairman of the committee, and key you will accept the appointment.

professed honor, yesterday massed call:

There will be a meeting of the general committee in charge of the inadquiration ceremonies at the Arlington hotel, Tuesday evening, Bec. 16, at 7 o clock. James G. Berratt, Chairman.

LOCAL BASE BALL.

The Nationals Enter the Eastern Learne Players and Prospects for Next Year.

Arsenal Band of Hope The exercises consisted of recitations, gospel temperance lessons, and singing. The election of officers for the ensuing six mouths also took place, and resulted as follows: Private Zeis, president (re-elected): Privates Kinamon, Dieterich, and Corporal Eupres, vices presidents; Miss Jessic Connell, treasurer; Masier Sidney Roach, secretary (re-elected): Private Sitother, chapiain, and Miss Haines, organist. The following committee of arrangements for an entertailment and Christmas true presentation was selected: Mears, Zeis, Dieterich, Dupree, Strother, and Kennamon. Interesting remarks were made by Mrs. Rowan, and Messre. Matchett and Moore.

Matchett and Moore.

The Homsopathic Bazar.

The event of this evening will be the opening of the Homeopathic Hospital Fair at Marini's hall. Everything is in readiness, or will be by early afternoon, for a grand display. One of the late additions to the original plan is a Chinese pagoda, which the carpenters employed have constructed as a contribution of their own. The young ladies only will be in costume—an erroneous idea having been given out that all those interested would appear in character has caused some discomfort to the more dignified of the lady managers. Contributions of money and other valuables are coming in from all parts of the country. On Saturday \$500 was received from Troy, N. Y., alone, and the committees are greatly encouraged at the outlook.

WHERE IS HOW GATE?

TWO CENTS.

LETTER RECENTLY RECEIVED PROM HIM BY MAJ, GREELY,

The Document Abstracted from His Deak and a Copy Made -Gen, Haren Investigating the Matter-Detectives Said to Have Boen Sent to Arrest the Fagitive.

rate since his uncoromonious departure from this city in the spring of 1882 has been a much

which his old enemy, the rhommatien, has brought about.

Not long after the return of Maj. A. W. Greely, it will be remembered, the mame of Capt. Howgate was crased from the Arctic charts in which it had been assigned to designate a mountain and a cape, and the fact was published all over the country. Soun after that was done Maj. Greely received

A LETTER FROM CAFT. HOWGATE complaining of such action as projudging the charges against him. This letter Maj. Greely at once inid before the secretary of war, as he did not wish to be regarded as being in correspondence with Howgate or being cognizant of his whereabouts.

About two weeks ago another letter came to

ASKING ABOUT THE PENMICAN CLAIM,

this, as also the suggestion that Howgate could present a good defense.

POLICE COURT REFORMS.

What Changes Are Needed According to the Views of Justice Walter.

most experienced. Justices of the peace in the edistrict, in conversing with a REPUBLICAN reporter as to the necessity of reform in the police court, said-substantially as follows:

Everybody knows a reform is needed; the police court has too much to attend to at present. First, I think there should be eight magistrates appointed (one for each precinct), and they should hold court at the station houses twice a day for speedy trials. These magistrates should be paid each filling present and all fees should be turned over to the district treasury. Second, the constables should be abolished, and the write served and money collected by the district marshal. Third, the magistrates should have jurisdiction over the smaller class of United States and district cases, thus relieving the police court of a vast amount to "liness, and jurisdiction also in civil cases in the Sico. Fourth, appeals from all civil judgments for 55 and upward should lie to the police court, to be tried by a jury of six, whose verdict should be final. Fifth, the fee system as to trial cases should be unterly abolished as far as payment of them to the magistrates and retention by them is concerned. All these fees must be turned over to the district treasury, and the magistrates' dockets must show the amount collected.

The Sacngerbund's Concert.

The wet weather last night did not have any visible effect on the attendance at the concert visible effect on the attendance at the concert of the Washington Saengerbund at Abnor's, and when the opening number was rendered there were 300 persons in the had. The concert was an artistic success. The new sopeane Frau bora Morell, who made her debut, has sweet, powerful voice, which she uses with pleasing effect. Her duet with Herr Knoor from "Faul and Virginia" was remarkably well sung, and all encoro was demanded. The world and a oncoro was demanded. The concert stage. The quartette all wore large masks, representing a cat, a monkey, a deg, and a dg, and all sang in the tuneful and characteristic atterances peculiar to these animais. The programme also included a vicolocelle solo by Herr E. Lent, a piano solo by Herr William Waldecker, and several selections by the Saengerbund.

LOCAL BRIEFLETS.